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Choctaw County, Miss., Sept. 29, 30, 1915

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: Clear Springs Church, Choctaw County, (ten miles north of Weir, Miss.) Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1916.

DELEGATE TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION:
T. J. LATIMER; S. M. FANT, Alternate.

Officers:

N. B. WALLACE, Moderator ..... Sturgis
G. D. WEATHERALL, Clerk and Treasurer ..... Ackerman

Executive Board

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HISTORICAL TABLE

Date	PLACE	INTRODUCTORY SERMON	MODERATOR	CLERK
1892	Chester	Organization	N. Q. Adam-	J. R. W. Foster
1893	Fellowship	J. H. D. Watson	N. Q. Adam	J. R. W. Foster
1894	Bear Creek	H. M. Long	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1895	Bethlehem	W. H. H. Fancher	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1896	Providence	Chas. H. Lewis	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1897	Pleasant Ridge	David Burney	W. H. H. Fancher	J. R. W. Foster
1898	Bluff Springs	G. S. Jenkin-	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1899	Mount Pisgah	M. L. Oswalt	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1900	Bulah	N. Q. Adams	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1901	Ackerman	T. J. Bailey	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1902	Poplar Creek	T. J. Bailey	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1903	Spring Hill	W. H. H. Fancher	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1904	Clear Springs	N. Q. Adams	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1905	Self Creek	J. K. Thornton	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1906	Ebenezer	R. A. Eddleman	N. Q. Adam-	S. B. Dobbs
1907	Blythe's Creek	H. L. Rhodes	N. Q. Adams	S. B. Dobbs
1908	Mount Moriah	J. R. Nutt	N. Q. Adams	S. B. Dobbs
1909	Longview	F. R. Burney	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1910	Bear Creek	J. B. Perry	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1911	Double Springs	R. L. Wallace	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1912	Pro vidence	A. H. Mahaffey	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1913	Wake Forest	H. M. Whitten	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1914	New Zion	M. J. Derrick	N. B. Wallace	G. D. Weatherall
1915	Fellowship	T. J. Latimer	N. B. Wallace	G. D. Weatherall

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Standing Committees

Digest of Church Letters—Dr. F. F. Smith and T. J. Latimer
Missions—H. M. Whitten.
Sunday Schools—R. E. Hannah, Jr.
Christian Education—N. B. Wallace and T. J. Latimer.
Publications—A. P. Mills.
Prohibition—S. B. Dobbs and Homer Fancher.
Ministerial Relief—J. G. Jones.
Orphanage—Henry Livingston.
Obituaries—Robert Wade.
Hospitals—Estel Hutchinson.
Systematic Giving—Prof. Lamb.
Woman's Work—Mrs. Dr. Weeks.
Layman's Movement—
General Superintendent—N. A. Adams.
Superintendent N. E. District—E. W. Fulgham.
" N. W. " —S. M. Flint.
" S. W. " —G. D. Weatherall.
" S. E. " —R. E. Hannah, Jr.

Ministerial Register

ORDAINED

M. J. Derrick	Ackerman, Miss
M. A. Carr	McCool, Miss
H. M. Whitten	McCool, Miss
J. L. Smith	Chester, Miss
W. J. Dobbs	Mathiston, Miss
W. L. Watkins	Maben, Miss
C. H. Dobbs	Mathiston, Miss
J. H. D. Watson	Weir, Miss
B. E. Watson	Weir, Miss
N. B. Wallace	Sturgis, Miss
T. J. Latimer	Weir, Miss
N. Q. Adams	Sturgis, Miss
Jasper Watson	Maben, Miss

Proceedings

The Chester Baptist Association met in its twenty-third annual session with Fellowship Church, Choctaw County, Mississippi. September 29th, 1915.

Came together by singing. Was then led in prayer by M. J. Derrick.

The Moderator then read the 12th chapter of Romans.

On motion of H. M. Whitten N. B. Wallace and G. D. Weatherall were re-elected Moderator and Clerk.

The Moderator, N. B. Wallace, then called on J. L. Hughes to lead in a special prayer.

On motion Mathiston church was received back into this Association.

CALLED FOR CORRESPONDENTS

Columbus Association—J. L. Hughes,
Oktibbeha " R. L. Breland.
Central " R. A. Eddleman
Zion " W. C. Lowe.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENTS

Louisville Association—M. J. Derrick, H. M. Whitten, T. J. Latimer, J. T. Weatherall and N. B. Wallace.

Kosciusko Association—H. M. Whitten.

Aberdeen Association—T. J. Latimer.

Monroe Association—T. J. Latimer.

State Convention—H. M. Whitten, N. B. Wallace, M. J. Derrick, T. J. Latimer and G. D. Weatherall.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Devotional—Pastor and Deacons of this church.

Finance Committee—N. Q. Adams, J. L. Neely and R. M. Wade.

Committee on Nominations—Tom Smith, J. T. McKee and B. F. Azwell.

The chairman on Digest of Church Letters not being present, M. J. Derrick and T. J. Latimer were appointed on this committee.

A motion by N. Q. Adams that the place for next meeting be settled was withdrawn.

Poplar Creek church asked for a letter of dismission, which was granted.

The Moderator appointed M. J. Derrick chairman of Committee on Missions, T. J. Latimer on Woman's Work, D. M. Berry on Orphanage and R. L. Breland on Hospitals.

On motion of M. J. Derrick that T. J. Latimer preach the introductory sermon, Brother J. H. D. Watson not being present.

Rev. J. P. Harrington was recognized as representative of Enlistment Work.

Suspended business to hear the introductory sermon by T. J. Latimer. He called on R. A. Eddleman to lead in prayer, and then took for his text Ecc. 9:10: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." He preached a very earnest and helpful sermon.

Adjourned till 1 P. M.

Afternoon Session

Came together by singing. Led in prayer by J. G. Jones.

The Moderator called for Bible quotations and the brethren and sisters responded readily and heartily and then were led in prayer by R. A. Eddleman.

The Devotion Committee reported that J. L. Hughes preach at the school house at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Report on Missions

Our mission work done by the Southern Baptist Convention and in our State Convention is divided for convenience into State Home and Foreign Missions.

STATE MISSIONS

This is work done by our State Convention in our own State. This consists of preaching the gospel, building churches and developing weak churches. As a result of this work for the past 125 years we find over 1470 churches. There are 469 churches which were once helped by our Convention Board now independent. The aggregate of churches helped is 729. The number of people who have united with our churches as a result of the work of our missionaries is 49,582.

Our State Mission work is now organized under four departments: Pastoral Support, Church Building, Enlistment, Sunday School. The work for this year is laid out on a basis of $43,000, and the appropriations are as follows: Pastoral Support $22,000, Church Buildings $7,200, Enlistment $6000, Sunday Schools $3,500, Woman's Work $1,800, Special Work $2,500.

Our ideals are: 1. A united concerted effort in every church in every association to secure these amounts. 2. A Baptist church in every place where there ought to be one. 3. The gospel preached by a Baptist preacher in every nook and corner of the State. 4. A Sunday School in every church and every teacher trained. 5. Every church contributing every month.

HOME MISSIONS

This is work done by our Home Mission Board in the Southern States, Cuba, Isle of Pines and Panama.

There are three incentives to Home Missions other than the command of our Lord. 1. The great multitude of the unsaved among us. With half of population not saved, we can hardly be called a Christian nation. 2. The prosperity, purity and permanency of our form of government depends upon it. Jenny Taylor said truly: "The best way to make good subjects of the king is to make them good servants of God." Hence apart from the command of Christ, which is the basal motive, the salvation of our country is a patriotic duty. "He who saves his country saves all things, and all things saved bless him; he who lets his country die ,and all things dying curse him." 3. Apart from the duty of

self preservation and development, we have a distinct duty to the nations of the world. Austin Phelps said: "As goes America, so goes the world."

Including teachers in mountain schools, enlistment men, evangelists and missionaries, there were last year 1,447 workers under the Board. These reported 30,861 baptisms and total additions 56,747, and 378 churches erected and repaired, with 758 Sunday Schools organized. The sum of money raised was $418,850. We have 34 mountain schools with an attendance last year of 5218. These schools have turned out more than 3,000 students. The apportionment for Mississippi is $31,000.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Our Foreign Mission Board is doing work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, China, Japan and Africa. There were 382 churches reported to the denomination last year, with 819 out stations, 33,584 members, 442 Sunday Schools, with 23,959 scholars and 8,833 students in mission training schools preparing to preach the gospel to their own people. We have 300 missionaries on the fields, 20 of whom were sent out last year, and 651 native workers. We reported last year 5,190 baptisms. The denomination asked for an apportionment of $624,000 for Foreign Missions this year.

Your committee recommend that missions in all of its phases be laid faithfully upon the heart of each member of every church of the Association, and that we earnestly pray for this cause so dear to the heart of our Lord, and that we be sure to raise every dollar asked of us for each of these causes.

(Signed) M. J. DERRICK

Brother M. J. Derrick read this report, and after being discussed by himself, we were led in prayer by J. P. Harrington. M. J. Derrick read from Malachi 3:8-11: "Will a man rob God," etc. (May I earnestly ask every one who reads this report to get his old Bible and knock the dust off of it and read the 3rd chapter of Malachi prayerfully and then ask himself this question: "Have I robbed God or have I brought all the tithes into the store house?")

The Devotional Committee reported as follows:

Devotional

Your committee on Preaching reports as follows:

Rev. H. M. Whitten will preach tonight at Sherwood school house, Rev. J. P. Harrington will preach at Fellowship tonight and Rev. R. A. Eddleman will preach at The Hall tonight.

Publication

Your committee is impressed that there is not any subject so important to us as the one now in hand. No question is of more interest to the progress of this body. It has been said, "Knowledge is power," and "Ignorance is weakness." This is true in our denominational work—those who know most of our needs and God's requirements are those who get a broad vision of the work and therefore under God are doing their part.

God in making known unto us His will concerning us used this method; and we have the book of books, the Bible, to let us know God and His Son, our Saviour, and His great power to save and the awful condition of the unsaved.

We as Baptist should use the large number of worthy publications that we have in reaching and informing our large membership. The printing press is the medium through which this can and must largely be done. It sends its messages to hearts sad and lonely, it opens the eyes of the blind and careless ones, and brings comfort to sadden homes.

The literature gotten out by our Sunday School Board is giving to our churches great strength. As the years go by the helpfulness is more and more felt, Bible study is made easier and many dark places are flooded with light.

Our "Foreign Mission Journal" and "Home Field' are great factors in arousing interest and giving information with reference to our world-wide task.

The "Orphanage Gem" tells of the work done for orphans.

The "Mississippi Baptist" is also a strong factor in our development.

"The Baptist Record" is of great assistance to our work. Through its columns we hear the cry of our needs and the shouts of our victories, with the great truths that brings fruit on every page. "The Baptist Record" is under it all carrying its heavy burdens. Brethren each of us ought to help and let it help us.

We your committee recommend that as far as possible each Baptist take all these periodicals, especially "The Baptist Record."

Respectfully submitted,

N. B. WALLACE

This report was presented by N. B. Wallace and discussed by R. L. Breland and R. A. Eddleman, and adopted.

Report on Ministerial Relief was read by J. T. Weatherall and adopted. The report is as follows:

Report on Ministerial Relief

The New Testament doctrine is that those who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel and the just inference is that they shall thus live until they die. No object fostered by our denomination has a stronger claim upon us than the maintenanee of our ministers who by reasen of old age or disease are no longer able to earn a support in active service.

"The laborer is worthy of his hire" and worthy of continued pay long after he is too old to carry out his accustomed task. Yet there is a disposition on the part of many to lose sight of the laborer who has borne the heat and burden of the day but who in the evening of life is unable to sow and reap as in former times. However if the true minister is divinely called—and we believe that he is—is he not called for life? And if the laborer is worthy of his hire then surely it is somebody's business to provide for his temporal needs as long as he lives. Preachers are almost always poor from the necessity of the case. Old age comes to them only to find them with nothing. They have spoken more than the lawyers, written more than the editors and visited more than the physicians; but for it all they have slimmest sort of pay, and in that condition they must face the exigencies of old age and the hardness of actual penury. Out into the great world he must walk alone while almost too weak to stand, carrying nothing with him but the consciousness of having spent his life in trying to bless and help the people to whom he ministered. The labors of these old men are over with. The 71st Psalm is the old man's prayer full of pathetic appeals to God for help. "Forsake me not when my strength faileth, even when I am old and gray-headed, O God forsake me not."

Nor should we provide for the disabled minister alone; the faithful wife who after all is the one that makes the greatest sacrifices for the cause is quite as sacred a charge as the preacher himself.

At the last State Convention our list of beneficiaries numbered nineteen—ten old ministers and nine ministers' widows. These are paid $7 each per month. Contributions for this fund last year amounted to $1,610.83. There is also an endowment fund of $1,800.00, the interest on which is applied to Ministerial Relief.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. WEATHERALL, Committee

N. A. Adams read the following report on Laymen's Work, and after being discussed by himself and J. P. Harrington, it was adopted:

Report on Layman's Movement

Your committee on Layman's Work in the Chester Association beg leave to make the following report:

While we feel that we have not done what ought to have been done, we have had two meetings that were uplifting to the church and those that attended the meetings. At our first meeting at Fentress we had a large crowd and the very best of attention, and the speakers present seemed to be interested in the work and spoke as if they had been inspired.

The other meeting at Spring Hill was also a success, and after serving on the committee we believe it best and recommend that the Association be divided into four districts and that the Moderator appoint a general chairman and that he appoint a chairman in each district and that we hold one or more meetings in each district.

And we further recommend that each church try to send two delegates to the Layman's meeting in their district.

Respectfully submitted,

N. A. ADAMS, Chairman
R. E. HANNAH, Jr.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT

Finance Committee	$ 122.16	
Collection for Orphanage	15.73	
Received of the following for Minutes and Clerk:		
Mount Olivet $1.00, McCurtain's Creek $1.00	2.00	
Mt. Moriah $1.00, New Zion $1.00	2.00	
New Haven $1.00, Providence $1.00	2.00	
Beulah $2.00, Ruhama $1.00	3.00	
Weir $1.00, Ackerman $1.00	2.00	
H. M. Whitten $1.00, Bethany $1.00	2.00	
Blythe's Creek $1.00, Ebenezer $1.00	2.00	
Self Creek $1.00, Bear Creek $1.00	2.00	
Mt Pisgah $1.00, Bethlehem $1.00	2.00	
Total		$ 156.89

AMOUNTS PAID OUT

Balance dne Clerk	$ 13.82	
J. B. Lawrence, Missions	28.95	
Orphanage	30.58	
B. F. Neal delegate to S. B. C	22.50	
Minutes $40.00, Express 75 cents	40.75	
Postage $1.90, Clerk $12.00	13.90	
Postage on State Minutes	50	
Postage on associational letters	45	151.45
Cash on hand		$ 5.44

Thursday Morning--Second Day

On account of the rain the Moderator did not call the house to order till 10:30.

Led in prayer by M. J. Derrick.

J. M. Dobbs moved that we elect representatives for the mission boards, which resulted in N. B. Wallace for State Missions, T. J. Latimer for Home Missions and M. J. Derrick for Foreign Missions.

On motion of W. F. Burney the time of meeting was changed back to Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in October.

Christian Edueation

More stress is laid on education today than ever before; and we have not overdone the matter yet. We have come to recognize the meaning of the Lord in Hosea 4:6: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

Our Lord says in 1 Timothy 2:4 "He will have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of truth." Solomon says Proverb 10:14, "Wise men lay up knowledge." A sharpened tool is much more effectual than a dull one.

But we are interested particularly with Christian Education. There is a work for our State schools to do. We appreciate what they do, but they cannot do the work that our Christian schools do. The Christian school is concerned with the whole man. They have to do with his intellectual, physical, moral and spiritual training; hence the necessity of the Christian school.

As Baptists of Mississippi we are directly connected with three colleges: Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., Clarke Memorial at Newton, for boys and girls, and the Woman's College at Hattiesburg, for girls. Besides these we are directly connected with two Theological Seminaries: The Southern Baptist at Louisville, Ky., and the Southwestern at Fortworth, Tex. In addition to these strictly denominational schools we have in our State two of the best female schools anywhere to be found, owned and operated by the best Baptist school men to be found, namely Blue Mountain and Hillman Colleges, owned by Lowrey & Berry.

Clarke Memorial College is our youngest institution, having been under ihe control of the State Conventionabout two years. The Woman's College has been owned by the Convention four years. These two schools have made fine progress and deserve our hearty support. Mississippi College has been owned and operated by the Baptisis of Mississippi since 1850. Up to 1890 we had very poor equipment and no endowment. We now have a property and endowment amounting to $700,000. The enrollment last session was 430; the graduating class numbered 48; the alumni numbers 722. The College opened this year with 400 students.

Your Committee would recommend that the Baptists of this Association stand loyally by our colleges and seminaries with their means, patronage and their prayers.

M. J. DERRICK, Committee.

Brother M. J. Derrick read the report on Christian Education. On motion the report be adopted and after some discussion it was adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned until 1 P. M.

Second Day--Afternoon Session

After song service we were led in prayer by J. P. Harrington.

On motion the chairmen were limited to ten minute and all others to five minute speeches.

Committee on Digest of Letters made a report which is embodied in Financial and Statistical Tables.

Report on the Orphanage was read and after being discussed by D. M. Berry, a collection was taken amounting to $5.05, and the report adopted. The report is as follows:

Our Orphanage

Eighteen years ago the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage was established to provide a home for homeless children. Since then about 700 children have received the benefit of the Orphanage, many of them reared in the Home. Hundreds of them who spent a longer or shorter time, are now out in the different communities of the State and in other States, and in the main are making good. We have now in the Home 230 children, with many others wanting to come, for whom we have no room.

The children attend school seven or eight months each year. Out of school hours and during vacation they are taught to do all manner of domestic work—the girls doing the cooking, general house work, ironing and sewing; the boys doing the hauling, general farm work, caring for the stock and running the machinery. Some of the children each year get the training in the printing office, getting out the Gem each month and doing some job work.

The Orphanage is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. A goodly number of Sunday Schools are now sending regularly each month—many of them $5.00, which supports a child in the Home. Some are sending more, and some less.

We would suggest that all of our Sunday Schools adopt the plan of giving something each month to the support of our orphan children. Let our women continue to send in boxes of clothing for girls and boys from two to sixteen years old, and let our churches send in all k nds of provisions from the farm and from the store—everything that is needed in the ordinary home, taking advantage whenever possible of the Thanksgiving cars, which will carry everything free of charge.

Pray for the Home and its management.

D. M. BERRY, Committee.

Report on Systematic Giving was read by Sam Fant who gave his time to J. P. Harrington. Brother Harrington called on H. M. Whitten to lead in a special prayer before he entered upon this all important subject. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Report on Systematic Giving

Tithing should be practiced by all Christians 1. Because it is commanded. 2. Because it honors God and recognizes the stewardship idea. 3. Because it blesses us by bringing us great joy. by developing us and broadening us, by making us partners with God. 4. Because it is practicable as proved by experience. 5. Because it blesses others.

Now God has made all things for himself. He says, "The land is mine; every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. The silver and gold are mine." "The sea is his for he made it. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein." Now every Christian and every non-Christian and his possessions belong to God in a double sense—first by reason of creation and second by virtue of purchase. God says "Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price."—1 Cor. 6:20. If we are not our own how can we own anything? We are in fact only trustees. God says "Ye know that ye were redeemed not with corruptible things as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ."—1 Peter 7:18-19.

Can it be that fear is a mightier motive than love? If we do not give liberally and cheerfully can we truly say that "the love of Christ constraineth us?"—1 Cor. 5:14

Withholding what God requires is nothing less than robbery. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."—Mal. 3:8.

Then if we fail to consult God about using his possessions are we not robbing him?

Giving brings blessings both temporal and spiritual. "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses burst forth with new wine.—Prov. 3:9-10.

Then how can we not abide by this? God says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in my house and prove me now herewith, saith Jehovah of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven nd pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to contain it."—Mal. 3:10.

"Give and it shall be given unto you, good meanure, pressed down and shaken together and running over shall men give into your bosom."—Luke 6:38. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."—Acts 10:38.

Brethren who is it that gives and constantly sustains our life? Who preserves us from sickness all along and gives us our health? Who maintains the balance of our minds? If God were to touch the sinew of our strength, could we continue to earn a livelihood?

Brethren no wonder we don't receive temporal blessings no more than we do. God is going to have his part in some way and some how. No wonder the drouth is sent upon us, for God requires of us one-seventh of our time and yet some of us don't give that. I believe that God's Holy Bible teaches the tenth, for God himself says so. And I believe the Old Testament and the New Testament are linked together. Did not our Lord himself say to to the Pharisees who boasted how careful they were to tithe everything, even to the garden herbs, "These ought ye to have done."—Matt. 23:23. Is there any word from his lips in endorsement of the Sabbath as strong as this in favor of tithing?

Now Christ says, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, and teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."—Matt. 28:19-20 So he is commanding of us to do what? Give of our means that we are in possession of.

I pray God that we may look deeper into his divine word and see who is right and who is wrong.

"Others, Lord, yes others,
Let this our motto be:
Help us to live for others.
That we may live like thee."

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. FANT

The Moderator then recognized T. J. Latimer who made a great appeal for Ministerial Education. He then took a subscription for the same and also a cash collection.

Report on Sunday Schools

The Sunday School is the teaching service of the churh, gathering every Sunday the people together in assembly and studying the Word of God. The best definition of a Sunday School is the church at work.

"These words which I command thee this day shall be in thy heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thine house and when thou walkest in the way and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up, and thou shalt bind them as a sign upon thy head, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes aad thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house and upon thy gates."

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." These words of God is the authority of the Sabbath teaching. The integral factor of the Christian churches in the declared plan of its Divine Founder. Are we obeying the commands of God in teaching and studying his word?

Our Saviour went about throughout Judea, Samaria and the country round about, preaching and doing good. He entered the synagogue and taught and he taught as one having authority. He placed great emphasis on Bible teachiug and was himself the greatest of all its teachers.

"The church is God's one agency for the propagatiou of the gospel to the ends of the earth. The Sunday School is a department of the church work. In an important sense it is the base of supply. To the eyes of the church are turned for workers in the Kingdom, for soldiers in the conflict, for men and women trained to dare and to do for Christ."

The strength of the Baptist faith in numbers surpass all other protestant denominations combined in our State. The Bible we hold as our one and all sufficient rule and faith. Our strength in numbers, our opportunities of service and our responsibilities to the kingdom of Christ summons our greatest effort to enlist more church people to help in the service and be more concerned about the training of the young boys and girls and newly made members in Christ.

Your committee urges that active Sunday School men in this Association work for the organization and maintaining of a Sun-

day School at each church and each school make larger efforts to enlist more members in the Sunday School. Let each of us get a conviction of his or her responsibility to teach the Word of God to all the people, then we shall find the time and the place.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. MILLS

This report, after being discussed by A. P. Mills, was adopted.

Prohibition

At this stage of development in our fight against whiskey, when one treats the subject of temperance, it is allowed that the range of discussion be wide enough to include prohibition also. If your committee were to report only on the subject of temperance, we are sure we should fall short of what is contemplated by the Association.

Temperance is subjective, having to do with one's conscience and personal habits. It is therefore a subject of moral suasion. Prohibition is objective, designed to restrain the habits of others, and is, therefore, a local question. Temperance is a matter for each one to regulate in his own life, prohibition is designed to regulate and restrain others. One is a matter which the love of Christ, home and country regulates; the other proceeds upon the recognition of the Bible doctrine that we are our "brother's keeper."

It is clear in the minds of your committee that where moral suasion fails, legal restraint should be resorted to. Personal, voluntary temperance is always first and far preferable; but where persons are too weak or too wicked to be reached by the former, for the public good, the latter must be resorted to.

We would recommend

1. That our pastors faithfully and constantly use every means within their power to create and deepen temperence sentiment and practice among the membership of our churches and use every possible influence for the enforcement of law. Also that they co-operate with accredited representatives of the Anti-Saloon League in getting the work of the League before their churches.

2. That our membership abstain wholly from the use of liquor as a beverage; that they satisfy themselves before voting for a candidate for any office that he is honest, sober and trustworthy, for good citizenship requires this.

This report was discussed by Whitten and Dobbs and was adopted.

Report on Woman's Work

We think that woman's work is second to none in our church work. The women are doing great work. When you find a W. M. U. in a church you will find the church doing greater work than a church without a W. M. U. We can see by their work why Paul said what he did, "I entreat thee also true yoke-fellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel." Paul said that these women were great help to him in the work. If the women could help Paul, can't they help us? When we find a church with a W. M. U. we find the building is kept better, and the place where we put our dead kept better.

We find that there are six W. M. U.'s reporting to this Association and they are doing a great work. and in the churches where they are working we find that the churches are doing better than the other churches.

Let us say this much: Sisters, if you haven't a W. M. U. won't you organize one when you go back home? My fellow preachers, won't you help the women to organize a W. M. U? They will be a great help to you as a pastor. I know whereof I speak.

T. J. LATIMER.

This report was read and discussed by T. J. Latimer. Emma Hammock a d J. P. Harrington also spoke to the report.

The Committee on Nominations not being present, H. M. Whitten moved that N. B. Wallace preach the next introductory sermon and that Bear Creek be the next place of meeting. This motion was amended by putting Clear Springs in place of Bear Creek. The amendment was carried and the motion was then adopted.

On motion the same Executive Committee was retained.

A collection was taken at this hour for Johnie Simpson. Amount $3.70.

Report on Obituaries

Death comes alike to one and all. Go where you will, yet death will find you at last. It is the last debt that we owe to God and that debt must be paid.

God in his providence has visited the different churches in our Association and has taken away thirty-two precious saints. In our sympathy we point the bereaved ones to God, who is able to comfort them.

We haven't space in this report to make special mention of their names, but ask for the privilege of making mention of one, Rev. A. F. Neal, who was a most faithful and self-sacrificing servant of God and pastor in this Association.

B. M. WADE

After a few appropriate remarks by the Moderator and T. J. Latimer, the above report was adopted.

Report from Representative to Southern Baptist Convention

Rail Road fare	$22.05
Sleeping and Hotel Bill to and from Houston	3.35
5 days at Houston at $1.65	8.25
Total	$33.65

J. M. SMITH

The report was adopted and his expenses allowed.

Resolved that the thanks of this Association be tendered to Fellowship Church and community for their many courtesies and generous hospitalities. We will look forward and be glad when the time comes to visit you again.

G. D. WEATHERALL

The Finance Committee made the following report:

Report of Finance Committee

We, the Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:

Received for Minutes and Clerk	$ 55.21
Associational Purposes	11.60
State Missions	6.50
Home Missions	12.57
Foreign Missions	20.00
Orphanage	8.20
Ministerial Relief	50
Collection for Orphanage	5.05
Total	$119.63

Respectfully,

N. A. ADAMS
R. M. WADE

On motion the Clerk was instructed to have 750 minutes printed and that he be allowed $12.00 for his services.

It was ordered that the Clerk use balance of minute money, if any, for associational purposes.

T J. Latimer was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and Sam Fant, alternate.

On motion J. G. Jones, T, M. Jones and J. T. Weatherall were appointed to raise balance of money for delegate to S. B. C.

On motion of J. P. Harrington the Moderator and Clerk were requested to raise the money and have it on hand for the delegate to next S. B. C.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Clear Springs Church Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, 1916.

N. B. WALLACE,
Moderator

G. D. WEATHERALL,
Clerk

Report of Committee on Enrollment

Your Committee on Enrollment beg leave to submit the following report:

Ackerman—M. J. Derrick, J. M. Dobbs, W. F. Burney, W. L. Pennit.

Bear Creek—M. A. Carr, R. M. Wade, C. E. Fancher, H. M. Whitten.

Bethany—J. L. Stephenson.

Bethlehem—J. M. Barron, P. M. Snow.

Beulah—John M. Black.

Blythe's Creek—T. A. Hester, H. P. Livingston, Sister Lora Fondren

Bluff Springs—W. W. Bagwell, R. G. Black.

Crpress—R. B. Bewis, S. J. Kemp, W. E. Lewis.

Crape Creek—H. B. Pierce, N. B. Pierce.

Center Grove—B. F. Azwell.

Clear Springs—W. P. Prudon, C. N. Blain.

Double Springs—J. H. Shirden, W. F. Archibald, Miss Dell Archibald

French Camp—J. H. Veasy, G. W. Bennett.

Fellowship—L. H. Hester, H. M. Brooks, W. J. Dobbs.

Fentress—

Longview—Gay Hall, J. G. Jones.

Long Branch—W. L. Watkins, J. A. Watkins, Virba Watkins, J. M. Landers.

Mt. Pisgah—D. C. Bobo, H. E. Philley. C. S. Bowles.

Mt. Moriah—J. J. Raburn.

Mt. Olivet—J. T. McKee, R. M. Cotton.

McCurtain's Creek—L. H. Reed, Miss Ophie Fox, Miss Sheedy,

Mathiston—C. H. Dobbs, W. H. Langston, Mrs. Della Clegg.

New Hope—

New Zion—B. Burford, E. M. Commander.

New Haven—N. W. Nail, J. F. Simpson, J. T. Crenshaw.

Providence—N. A. Adams, J. W. Tolar, Will Wills.

Poplar Creek—

Pleasant Ridge—N. Q. Adams, J. R. Blake, William Brown.

Ruhama—E. E. Robinson, W. L. Perry.

Spring Hill—J. O. Beach, J. T. Fondren, E. W. Oswalt.

Sturgis—N. B. Wallace, Earl Kolb, Estell Hutcherson.

Self Breek—J. F. Oswalt, Emmie Hammond, W. B. McMinn.

Weir—J. W. Lucas, T. J. Latimer.

Wake Forest—D. M. Berry, Arnold Collier, John McPherson.

Wood Springs—W. H. Lucas.

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing	Visiting Ministers	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Hospitals	Associational Purposes	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage
Ackerman	$630 00	$648 50	$ 68 50	$ 30 00				$ 86 95	$ 56 14	$ 71 25	$
Bear Creek	150 00			4 40				20 00	7 85	16 00	
Bethany	65 00						$ 1 25				
Bethlehem	100 00							6 50		6 50	
Beulah				8 50	$10 17			24 45		56 30	
Blythe's Creek	75 00						50	1 25	2 37		
Bluff Springs	100 00		27 15	5 40			35			2 50	
Cypress							50		75		
Crape Creek									5 55	5 55	
Clear Springs	40 00			4 00				3 00	3 40	6 00	
Center Grove	50 00		5 00		25 00			1 05	55		
Double Springs	125 00						1 00	8 00	6 50	8 50	
Ebenezer	50 00						1 65	2 25			
Fellowship	100 00			5 42					2 69	4 00	
French Camp	200 00			10 00				19 75	16 22	21 50	
Fentress	75 00		22 00							4 60	
Long Branch								1 00	1 00	1 00	
Longview	150 00			19 00				11 15	3 72	4 00	
Mathiston	200 00	215 50		55 00				10 00	6 25	6 25	
Mt. Pisgah	100 00		12 90	3 95			1 05	5 35			1
Mt. Moriah	38 00		25 35	3 30							
Mt. Olivet									3 00	3 25	
McCurtain's Creek											
New Hope	60 00						25		2 77	1 00	
New Zion	89 00		17 65						10 50	22 18	
New Haven	35 00			6 00					2 75	1 60	
Poplar Creek	100 00	10 00		4 50							
Providence	24 00			8 00					6 75	8 90	
Pleasant Ridge		2 55	11 68	5 60			1 05	6 90			
Ruhama	75 00									13 75	
Spring Hill	125 00			4 50	3 00			10 00			
Sturgis	150 00	112 00		12 65			1 00	30 00			
Self Creek	150 00	50 00	15 00	14 08	30 00	5 00	2 00		20 00		3
Weir	105 00		30 00					8 25	7 85	9 65	1
Wake Forest	75 00		11 31	4 65		5 00	1 00	2 35		3 65	1
Wood Springs				4 00							
Totals	$3206 00	$1038 55	$ 246 54	$ 213 15	$68 17	$43 05	$11 60	$ 258 20	$ 1[illegible]	[illegible]$ 2	1

NANCIAL TABLE

State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Colleges	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Minutes and Clerk	Incidentals and other Expenses	Total	Value of Church Property
$ 86 95	$ 56 14	$ 41 2[illegible]	$ 95 26	$ 275 00		$ 4 10	$ 4 00	$ 11 03	$2043 78	$9000 00
20 00	7 85	16 00	27 00			1 80	2 50	45 95	275 50	800 00
			1 50				1 00		68 75	300 00
6 50		6 50					2 00		115 00	625 00
24 45		56 30					2 00	17 49	118 91	600 00
1 25	2 37						1 95		81 07	800 00
		2 50					1 50		135 90	400 00
	75						75		2 00	500 00
	5 55	5 55					1 00		43 10	250 00
3 00	3 40	6 00					1 25		57 65	700 00
1 05	55		2 00			50	1 0[illegible]		85 10	40 00
8 00	6 50	8 50					2 0[illegible]	10 00	161 00	800 00
2 25							1 5[illegible]	50	55 90	200 00
	2 69	4 00					1 60		113 71	450 00
19 75	16 22	21 50	5 23		$10 00		3 0[illegible]	10 74	296 54	1800 00
		4 60				7 50	2 0[illegible]	2 00	113 10	500 00
1 00	1 00	1 00					2[illegible]		3 25	300 00
11 15	3 72	4 00					2 00	68 20	258 07	1500 00
10 00	6 25	6 25				32 50	1 53	25 00	552 0[illegible]	1800 00
5 35			13 50				85		137 6[illegible]	500 00
							1 50		68 15	600 00
	3 00	3 25					50		6 75	
							1 00		1 00	500 00
	2 77	1 00	2 00				1 00		67 02	400 00
	10 50	22 18					2 16		141 49	600 00
	2 75	1 60					1 25		46 60	700 00
							1 00	2 00	117 50	1000 00
	6 75	8 90	4 00				1 00		52 65	400 00
6 90							1 50	60	29 88	500 00
		13 75					2 00		90 75	400 00
10 00									142 50	800 00
30 00							2 00	34 00	351 65	1800 00
	20 00		32 50				2 00	3 25	323 83	1050 00
8 25	7 85	9 65	15 00		1 00		2 00	9 40	187 15	1000 00
2 35		3 65	12 59				1 50		117 25	500 00
			2 70				1 00		7 70	400 00
$ 258 20	$ 1[illegible] 6.	[illegible]$ 2	13 2[illegible]	$ 275 00	$11 00	$46 40	$55 11	$ 300 16	$6430 85	32515 00

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Pastors	Postoffice	Clerks	Postoffices	Increase Baptism	Increase Letter
Ackerman	M.J. Derrick	Ackerman	R. D. Prewitt	Ackerman	6	4
Bear Creek	H. M. Whitten	McCool	W. D. Jones	McCool	9	2
Bethany	J. T. Carroll	Sapa	J. L. Busby	Ackerman		
Bethlehem	B. B. Coke	Louisville	P. M. Snow	Ackerman	2	1
Bulah	H. M. Whitten	McCool	W. A. Coleman	McCool	7	4
Blythe's Creek	J. L. Hughes	Maben	H. P. Livingston	Mathiston	4	2
Bluff Springs	J. H. D. Watson	Weir	W. W. Bogwell	Eupora	15	3
Cypress			W. E. Lewis	Longview		3
Crape Creek	J. H. D. Watson	Weir	C. E. Erwin	Stewart	6	1
Clear Springs	J. L. Smith	Chester	S. M. Fant	Chester	9	8
Center Grove	J. T. Carroll	Sopa	J. W. Douglas	Maben	13	
Double Springs	N. B. Wallace	Sturgis	J. L. Neely	Maben	15	1
Ebenezer	M. L. Strand	Tomnolen	Jack Pearson	Stewart	5	
Fellowship	L. R. Breland	Philadelphia	Miss T. M. Jones	Mathiston	5	2
French Camp	T. J. Latimer	Weir	L. L. Sloan	FrenchCamp		2
Fentress	T. J. Latimer	Weir	Chester Watson	Fentress	9	
Long Branch	W. L. Watkins	Maben	T. D. Wooten	Maben	1	
Longview	H. M. Whitten	McCool	J. G. Jones	Longview	11	12
Mathiston	R. L. Breland	Philadelphia	S. W. Fondren	Mathiston	5	5
Mount Pisgah	J. L. Hughes	Maben	D. L. Humphries	Mathiston	5	
Mount Moriah	J. H. D. Watson	Weir	T. H. Howard	Weir	8	
Mount Olivet			T. T. McKee	Sturgis		
McCurtain's Crk	H. M. Whitten	McCool	T. M. Holloway	Weir		
New Hope	W. L. Watkins	Maben	T. R. Taylor	Longview		1
New Zion	T. J. Latimer	Weir	J. F. Keen	Ackerman	13	
New Havon	J. H. D. Watson	Weir	J. A. Chamblee	Weir	8	4
Polar Creek	J. F. Mitchael	Kilmichael	J. L. Cartlege	Kilmichael	11	
Providence	J. H. D. Watson	Weir	J. W. Tolar	Weir		1
Pleasant Ridge	N. B. Wallace	Sturgis	T. E. Sikes	Longview	10	1
Ruhama	T. J. Latimer	Weir	J. R. W. Foster	Chester	2	2
Spring Hill	N. B. Wallace	Sturgis	J.S. Southerland	Ackerman	5	1
Sturgis	N. B. Wallace	Sturgis	E. Hutcherson	Sturgis		1
Self Creek	N. B. Wallace	Sturgis	J. O. Duke	Maben	16	7
Weir	T. J. Latimer	Weir	R. E. Hunt	Weir	2	10
Wake Forest	N. B. Wallace	Sturgis	Charlie Black	Sturgis	5	2
Wood Springs	J. N. Smith	Chester	G. C. Collier	Stewart	1	1
Totals					209	81

Wood Springs—W. H. Lucas.

STATISTICAL TABLE

rks	Postoffices	Increased by Baptism	Increased by Letter	Increased by Restored	Increased by Total	Decreased by Letter	Decreased by Expulsion	Decreased by Death	Decreased by Total	Membership Total	Sunday School Statistics: Name of Superintendent	Superintendents Address	Number of Pupils
ewitt	Ackerman	6	4	4	11	2		2	4	167	S. B. Dobbs	Ackerman	120
nes	McCool	9	2		11	2		3	5	233	T. N. Lacy	McCool	35
sby	Ackerman					1		1	2	77			
ow	Ackerman	2	1		3	4	2		6	91			
oleman	McCool	7	4		11			1	1	110	W. S. Black	McCool	65
ingston	Mathiston	4	2		6		2	2	4	139			
Bogwell	Eupora	15	3		18	7		1	8	140	Carl Bagwell	Eupora	50
wis	Longview		3		3					71			
win	Stewart	6	1		7					87			
nt	Chester	9	8		17	1		2	3	123	W. P. Orr	Chester	40
uglas	Maben	13			13					113			
ly	Maben	15	1		16	3		1	4	195	J. H. Shurdon	Maben	75
arson	Stewart	5			5	1		2	3	68			
. Jones	Mathiston	5	2		7	3		1	4	155	L. H. Hester	Mathiston	75
an	FrenchCamp		2		2	10	3	4	17	102	L. L. Sloan	FrenchCamp	45
Watson	Fentress	9			9	8			8	110	J. H. Prewitt	Weir	30
ooten	Maben	1			1					38			
es	Longview	11	12		23					135	J. A. Lamb	Longview	100
ondren	Mathiston	5	5		10	5		1	6	134	Solon Dobbs	Mathiston	70
nphries	Mathiston	5			5	3		1	4	83	D. L. Lawrence	Mathiston	48
ward	Weir	8			8					130	J. E. Worrell	Weir	36
Kee	Sturgis									66			
olloway	Weir									97			
lor	Longview		1		1	1			1	52	W. W. Roberts	Longview	20
en	Ackerman	13		1	14	1		1	2	149	C. A. Franks	Weir	35
amblee	Weir	8	4	1	13	4	1	2	7	202	J. H. Chamblee	Weir	25
tlege	Kilmichael	11			11	1	1	1	3	117	J. L. Cartledge	Kilmichael	50
lar	Weir		1		1	6	2	2	10	99	A. P. Mills	Weir	40
es	Longview	10	1		11	2		2	4	170			
Foster	Chester	2	2		4					73			
herland	Ackerman	5	1		6	3	5	2	10	194	Robert Weeks	Ackerman	65
erson	Sturgis		1		1	1			1	82	J. C. Harrell	Sturgis	50
ke	Maben	16	7		23	8		1	9	236	W. E. Fulgham	Starkville	199
nt	Weir	2	10		12					39			
Black	Sturgis	5	2		7	3		1	4	122	Erskine Hannah	Sturgis	50
ier	Stewart	1	1	1	3	2			2	67	J. E. Ray	Stewart	25
		209	81	3	293	82	16	34	132	4317			1348

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TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:
Bethlehem Church (three miles east of Ackerman),
Friday before the First Sabbath in October, 1917.

DELEGATE TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION:
N. B. WALLACE; J. E. HUTCHINSON, Alternate.

OFFICERS:

N. B. WALLACE, Moderator : - - - Sturgis
G. D. WEATHERALL, Clerk and Treasurer - Ackerman

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

R. E. HANNAH, Sr., W. T. GRAVES, JOHN WILLIAMS

CLINTON PRINT SHOP
CLINTON, MISS.

HISTORICAL TABLE

Date	PLACE.	INTRODUCTORY SERMON	MODERATOR.	CLERK.
1892	Chester	Organization	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1893	Fellowship	J. H. D. Watson	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1894	Bear Creek	H. M. Long	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1895	Bethlehem	W. H. H. Fancher	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1896	Providence	Chas. H. Lewis	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1897	Pleasant Ridge	David Burney	W. H. H. Fancher	J. R. W. Foster
1898	Bluff Springs	G. S. Jenkins	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1899	Mount Pisgah	M. L. Oswalt	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1900	Beulah	N. Q. Adams	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1901	Ackerman	T. J. Bailey	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1902	Poplar Creek	T. J. Bailey	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1903	Spring Hill	W. H. H. Fancher	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1904	Clear Springs	N. Q. Adams	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1905	Self Creek	J. K. Thornton	N. Q. Adams	S. B. Dobbs
1906	Ebenezer	R. A. Eddleman	N. Q. Adams	S. B. Dobbs
1907	Blythe's Creek	H. L. Rhodes	N. Q. Adams	S. B. Dobbs
1908	Mount Moriah	J. R. Nutt	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1909	Longview	F. R. Burney	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1910	Bear Creek	J. B. Perry	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1911	Double Springs	R. L. Wallace	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1912	Providence	A. H. Mahaffey	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1913	Wake Forest	H. M. Whitten	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1914	New Zion	M. J. Derrick	N. B. Wallace	G. D. Weatherall
1915	Fellowship	T. J. Latimer	N. B. Wallace	G. D. Weatherall
1916	Clear Springs	N. B. Wallace	N. B. Wallace	G. D. Weatherall

Order of Business.

1. Organization.
2. Call for Petitionary Letters.
3. Call for Correspondence.
4. Appointment of Special Committees.
5. Report on Digest of Church Letters.
6. Miscellaneous Business.
7. Report on Missions.
8. Report on Systematic Giving.
9. Report on Sunday Schools.
10. Report on Woman's Work.
11. Report on Christian Education.
12. Report on Publications.
13. Report on Temperance.
14. Report on Ministerial Relief.
15. Report on Obituaries.
16. Report on Orphanage.
17. Report of Soutnern Baptist Convention Delegate.
18. Report on Hospitals.
19. Report on Layman's Movement.
20. Report of Committee on Nominations.
21. Report of Treasurer.
22. Report of Executive Board.
23. Report of Finance Committee.
24. Appointment of Standing Committees.
25. Prayer.

Standing Committees.

Digest Church Letters—J. M. Dobbs, W. F. Burney, G. W. Bennett
Missions—T. J. Latimer and M. A. Carr.
Sunday Schools—J. C. Harrell and W. E. Fulgham.
Christian Education—H. M. Whitten and J. H. D. Watson.
Publications—J. A. Lamb and Luther Sanders.
Prohibition—J. R. Stiles and J. M. Barron.
Ministerial Relief—W. M. Hammons and W. L. Watkins.
Orphanage—S. M. Fant and J. T. McKee.
Obituaries—J. L. Smith and J. L. Neely.
Hospitals—Dr. F. F. Smith and F. Long.
Systematic Giving—J. E. Hutchinson and G. L. Keen.
Woman's Work—Miss Emmie Hammons and Mrs. G. W. Bennett
Layman's Movement—General Supt., R. E. Hannah, Sturgis

Superintendent	N. E. District	—	S. D. Butler.
"	N. W.	"	S. M. Fant
"	S. W.	"	G. D. Weatherall
"	S. E.	"	William Collier

Ministerial Register.

ORDAINED

H. L. Rhodes	Ackerman, Miss
M. A. Carr	McCool, Miss
H. M. Whitten	McCool, Miss
J. L. Smith	Chester, Miss
W. J. Dobbs	Mathiston, Miss
W. L. Watkins	Maben, Miss
C. H. Dobbs	Mathiston, Miss
J. H. D. Watson	Weir, Miss
B. E. Watson	Weir, Miss
N. B. Wallace	Sturgis, Miss
T. J. Latimer	Weir, Miss
N. Q. Adams	Sturgis, Miss
Jasper Watson	Maben, Miss
J. T. Ray	Maben, Miss
W. J. McPhail	Frenchcamp, Miss
J. E. Perry	Chester, Miss
J. E. Hutchinson	Sturgis, Miss
Samuel Edwards	Starkville, Miss

PROCEEDINGS.

The Chester Baptist Association met in its twenty-fourth annual session with Clear Springs Church, Choctaw County, Mississippi, September 30, A. D., 1916.

Came together by singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

The Moderator then read the 32 Psalm.

Brother N. Q. Adams led in a very earnest prayer.

By request of the Moderator the Clerk read the Constitution of the Association.

On motion of T. J. Latimer the Moderator and Clerk were elected by acclamation. There being no other nominations, N. B. Wallace and G. D. Weatherall were re-elected Moderator and Clerk.

The Association was then led in a special prayer by J. T. McKee.

Arbor Springs Church was received into this Association.

CALLED FOR CORRESPONDENTS

Columbus Association—C. E. Bland
Zion " H. J. McCool
Louisville " J. K. Armstrong
and R. B. Gunter.

Mississippi College—Dr. B. G. Lowrey.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENTS

Louisville Association—T. J. Latimer, N. B. Wallace and N. Q. Adams.

Kosciusko Association—T. J. Latimer, W. J. McPhail and H. M. Whitten.

State Convention—T. J. Latimer, W. J. McPhail,

H. P. Livingston, J. R. Black, H. M. Whitten, N. B. Wallace and G. D. Weatherall.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Devotional—Pastor and Deacons of this church.

Finance—H. P. Livingston, J. T. McKee and R. E. Hannah.

Business was suspended at this hour to hear the introductory sermon.

After an inspiring song we were led in prayer by R. B. Gunter.

Brother Wallace then read the 3rd Chapter of Galatians. He took the 16th verse for a text and showed and proved by the Scriptures that we are saved by grace through faith and not by the law or anything else.

At the conclusion of this great service we were led in prayer by Brother Latimer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Came together by singing, "Stand Up for Jesus".

Led in prayer by H. J. McCool.

The report on Missions was read by H. M. Whitten and is as follows:

Report on Missions

The thought of missions is a divine idea. God our heavenly Father, before the foundation of the world, conceived and purposed in his heart the redemption of mankind by the revelation of himself through the gift of his word and the sacrifice of his son.

Christianity is distinctively a missionary religion. Jesus commands every true disciple of his "to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, beginning at Jerusalem."

State missions is our Jerusalem and is the foundation of all our great mission work. Strong, well-developed and self-supporting churches at home give promise to a permanent work abroad. Our State mission work is under the direction of our State Mission

Board located at Jackson, Mississippi, having for its Corresponding Secretary Dr. J. B. Lawrence, to whom all money collected for missions should be sent.

HOME MISSIONS

Our Home Mission work is under the direction of our Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Georgia, having for its Corresponding Secretary Dr. B. D. Gray. All three of these Boards work in conjunction with each other for the one great purpose of giving the Gospel of our Christ to a lost world.

We as Missionary Baptists are doing missionary work in seven different countries namely: Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, China, Japan, and Africa.

Our missionary work is prospering as never before. The heathen is becoming more and more disgusted with his idols and is turning away from his foolish idolatry and is ready and anxious to have and receive the gospel as it unfolds to him the real, living and loving Christ.

Every New Testament Church is necessarily a missionary body and stands for the proclamation of the gospel to a lost world. The uttermost parts of the earth is the scope of our mission activity and the preaching of the gospel of Jesus to every creature in the whole creation is the consummation of our mission work.

H. M. WHITTEN, Committee.

This report was discussed by H. M. Whitten, R. B. Gunter, W. J. McPhail, H. J. McCool, and Dr. Lowrey and adopted.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report:

Devotional

TONIGHT

B. G. Lowrey at the church, H. J. McCool at Hogans chapel, N. B. Wallace at Providence.

SUNDAY, 11 A. M.

N. Q. Adams in the house, T. J. Latimer in the grove.

2 P. M.

N. B. Wallace in the grove.

MONDAY NIGHT

N. B. Wallace at Salem, H. M. Whitten at Progress.

Report on Christian Education was taken up and Dr. B. G. Lowrey was given the privilege of taking pledges for Mississippi College.

Christian Education

Mississippi Baptists are maintaining three denominational educational institutions, viz: Mississippi College at Clinton; Clark Memorial at Newton; Mississippi Woman's College at Hattiesburg.

Through these institutions, we are endeavoring to train the denominational constituency for efficient service in the Kingdom of Our Lord. There can be no longer any question as to the worthiness of denominational schools in an aggressive denominational program.

The history of the progress of our denomination is closely related to the history of our denominational schools. If this has been true in the past and it is true, it will be even more so in the future.

We are in the age of education and the denomination that educates the boys and girls of the land will stand at the front among the forces that make for religious progress among the people.

The committee gives expression to its conviction that any denominational school seeking our support as a religious body, should give place in its course of study to our distinctive doctrinal views.

If we are to make our schools efficient, we must stand by them in a financial way. Our State schools receive large appropriations from the State Treasury. What this support does to these schools our voluntary contributions must do for our denominational schools.

We sympathize with the present efforts to raise $100,000.00 for Clark Memorial, and the Woman's College.

Mississippi College, the great spiritual light of the State, enrolled last year with the academy about 459 students, somewhere about 70 of these were preachers. This year without the academy the college has enrolled 335 up to this time, ten more than it had last year at this time, and 75 of these are preachers.

Clark Memorial last year enrolled in all departments 100 students, 13 of these were preachers. This year up to date the college has enrolled 65 students and 11 of these are preachers.

Mississippi Woman's College last year enrolled 270 students from nine states and 49 counties. This year the Woman's College opened with 225 students.

There are now more than 85 preachers seeking help in their college course. We commend these men to all the churches as worthy of our assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
T. J. LATIMER,
N. B. WALLACE.

This Report was read by T. J. Latimer and he gave all his time as chairman of this Committee to Dr. Lowrey who made a great plea for Christian Education.

Pledges were then taken for the college, amounting to $50, and a cash collection amounting to $3.85.

The Association then adjourned till nine o'clock Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING

Came together by singing. Led in prayer by G. D. Weatherall. Bro. H. M. Whitten then conducted a devotional service for a few minutes and Brother T. J. Latimer led in another prayer.

Brother R. E. Hanna then read the following report on Sunday Schools:

Report on Sunday Schools

The Sunday School is the teaching service of the church. We are just as surely, actually commanded to teach God's word as we are to preach or baptize. We would give as a definition of the Sunday School carrying out the the third part of the great commission given by Christ, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

We would recommend the gathering of the people together (1) men, (2) women, (3) children, (4) the stranger or visitor that is within your gates, empha-izing the first two, the men and women. God said of Abraham, "For I know him that he will

command his children and his household after him and they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment".

"The living, the living he shall praise thee as I do this day the father to the children shall make known thy truth." "And ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord". And again let us look at the Apostle Paul as he commends Timothy to the unfeigned faith which dwelt first in thy grand-mother Lois and thy mother Eunice.

Then when we have the people gathered together we would have them taught the Bible. "All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." "If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." "This Book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Then we should teach the word diligently and continually. "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house and when thou walkest by the way and when thou liest down and when thou risest up." That church or body of Christian workers who hear the commands of God and refuse to do them just as surely sin as those who do the things God has said thou shalt not do. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

Respectfully submitted,
E. HANNAH.

After being discussed by R. E. Hannah, G. D. Weatherall, G. W. Dudley, B. C. McGarrity, S. D. McCarty and H. M. Witten, the report was adopted.

The preaching hour having arrived the Association adjourned to meet at 1:30.

Brother N. Q. Adams preached in the house a plain practical sermon on "Unity," which was very much enjoyed by the congregation and we believe will result in much good.

Brother T. J. Latimer also preached in the grove

at the same hour, text: 1st John 3:1; subject, "The Sonship".

A collection for State Missions was taken at this hour amounting to $7.18.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

House called to order by the Moderator. Song by the choir.

On motion the Association went into the selection of the next place of meeting which resulted in the selection of Bethlehem church.

A motion to change the Constitution so as to make the time of meeting of the Association on Thursday before the First Sabbath in October was lost.

Brothen Whitten then made a motion that the time of meeting be on Friday before the First Sabbath in October and this motion was carried by more than a two-third vote.

Report on Orphanage

We, your Committee on the Baptist Orphanage, feel that there is no cause nearer the heart of our Lord or work more acceptable unto Him than caring for the helpless orphan child. By many words and deeds did He manifest His interest in the children. He gave it as an evidence of pure and undefiled religion to care for the widows and orphans in their affliction. There are many ways in which we as Christian people can carry out the will of our Master in this regard.

The plan of work decided upon was the establishment of a home for the orphan children which has now been in operation for nineteen years. From a small beginning in a rented house, we have grown until now we have house room for 225 children with a property in houses and lands of more than one hundred thousand dollars.

We have cared for in the nineteen years about 800 children, many of whom have gone out from the home and are filling useful positions in the world.

Our home is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. We have no endowment except the love and loyalty of our people.

Our children in our Orphanage are under the influence of Christian people and are being trained in morals and religion and are sent to school eight months out of each year.

While our children are being trained in all manner of work they are also contributing largely to their own support so that the expense of caring for each child, including matron's hire and schooling, is only about $5 or $6 per month. We feel that this is a laudable and worthy work for Christian people, and urge our churches and Sunday schools of this Association to contribute liberally to our Orphanage. We heartily recommend the plan of once a month giving for our Sunday schools and a liberal Thanksgiving offering for all of our churches. Give each member of the Sunday school and each member of the church an opportunity to give at these stated occasions, and our Orphanage will be comfortably provided for.

We are glad to report good health among our children during the year, no deaths and not a serious case of sickness. We have not a case of pellagra in the institution and our management feels that they have learned how to manage the incoming cases.

We would further recommend that in addition to cash contributions, that our churches and Sunday schools send boxes of clothing, good second hand clothing acceptable, groceries of all kinds, syrup, shoes, hose (mostly large ones) and any other things that can be used in providing for the children. We would also recommend that our pastors and the people of the several communities exercise great care in sending children to the home and send only those who can not be cared for in any other way, and pray for the success of the home and of the children.

H. P. LIVINGSTON, Committee.

This report was read by H. P. Livingston and after being discussed by himself, T. J. Latimer and R. E. Hannah, the report was adopted.

The Treasurer made the following report which, after a motion that the Clerk be allowed $4.86 (the discrepancy in the report of the Finance Committee), was adopted.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT

1915			Dr.	Cr.
Oct. 1,	To cash on hand		$ 5 44	
Oct. 1,	" " of Finance Committee		119 63	
Oct. 26,	Rec'd of Springhill church		2 00	
Nov. 21,	" " J. T. Weatherall for delegate to S. B. C. the following amounts:			
	New Zion church		2 30	
Dec. 21,	Mt. Moriah "		1 30	
	Providence "		1 05	
	Fentress "		76	
1916	J. E. Trussell		25	
Jan.	New Haven church		1 30	
"	Chester "		1 60	
Apr.	McCurtains Creek "		50	
"	Rec'd of T. M. Jones:			
	from Fellowship church		1 00	
	" Springhill "		1 00	
	" Mt. Pisgah "		80	
"	Pleasant Ridge "		1 00	
	Bluff Springs "		1 00	
	Rec'd. by J. G. Jones from			
	Longview	1 00		
	Matthiston	1 00		
	Sturgis	1 00		
		3 00		
	Less postage	21	2 79	
	Total receipts			$ 143 72

AMOUNTS PAID OUT

1915			
Oct. 4,	Paid J. B. Lawrence	39 57	
	" J. R. Carter	13 25	
	" J. M. Smith Del. S. B.C.	11 60	
Nov. 12,	Minutes 36.40, express 1.00	37 40	
	Postage 2.48, Clerk 12.00	14 48	
Dec. 21,	J. M. Smith	18 01	
1916			
Apr. 24,	J. M. Smith	4 04	
	Postage on State min. acc't	75	
	Total disbursements		$ 139 10
	Cash on hand		$ 4 62

Respectfully,
G. D. WEATHERALL, Treasurer.

On motion Brother N. B. Wallace was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Brother J. E. Hutchinson alternate.

Brother N. A. Adams made a verbal report of the Laymen's work.

On motion adjourned till 9 o'clock in the morning.

MONDAY MORNING

The Moderator called the house together and Brother T. J. Latimer led in the devotional exercise and Brother J. E. Hutchinson led in prayer.

Report on Ministerial Relief

The New Testament doctrine is that those who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel, and the just inference is that they shall thus live until they die. We have no object of our denomination that has a stronger Bible claim than the maintenance of our ministers who by reason of old age or disease are no longer able to earn a support in active service.

"The laborer is worthy of his hire" and worthy of continued pay long after he is too old to carry out his accustomed task. If there is one man that we should honor more than any other he is the aged preacher. He has borne the heat of the day, and we young preachers are reaping the fruits of the seed that were sown by the preachers of yesterday.

We, the Committee, think that we should look after these men better than we have in the past. We don't know why it is, but we never find many rich preachers. We use these men in their youth, and pay them very little money, and when we have used them until they are so old that they cannot work, we should support them.

We should not provide for the disabled ministers alone, the faithful wife who after all is the one that makes the greatest sacrifices for the cause, is quite as sacred a charge as the preacher himself.

Respectfully submitted,
T. J. LATIMER.

The above report after being spoken to by T. J. Latimer was adopted.

Report on Publications

A great philosopher once said, "To study any subject in a self-forgetful, disinterested fashion is broadening; in a self-seeking, parti.l fashion is narrowing. Liberalize work is interesting, not interested."

Reading brings us into the society and the spiritual presence of the greatest and best of our race. The civilization enjoyed by the world today, the progress made along all lines, the achievements in science, the advancement in religion, the genera broadening of the vision of the world-wide interests and obligations are the results of reading.

The Baptists of the world have been a great factor in securing and maintaining the freedom of the press. We ought therefore take advantage of it and use it largely for our good. There are many good books and papers that ought to be read by all good Baptists, but first of all, let us make the Bible our daily companion, studying it with prayer and devotion that it may be food for our minds and souls.

The Baptist Record is the organ of the State Convention. It is the only paper that gives officially, the doings of our denomination. It stands solidly for missions, for Christian education, for Sunday schools, for the Orphanage, for temperance, and law and order, for ministerial relief, in fact for everything that has a tendency toward the advancemer t of Christ's Kingdom.

The Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field tell about foreign and home missions. The Orphanage Gem tells about the Orphanage and the great work being done there. The literature published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., should be used in all Baptist Sunday Schools as should also, Our Baptist Boys and Girls, published at Nashville, Tenn., also The Mississippi Sunday Herald, and Sunday School Times.

We recommend this paper and the periodicals to all Baptists who wish to keep informed as to the progress being made by our denomination.

Very respectfully submitted.
J. M. DOBBS,
R. E. HANNAH, JR.

This report after being discussed by J. M. Dobbs, R. E. Hannah, N. Q. Adams and W. L. Mills, the report was adopted.

Report on Temperance

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit this report.

Temperance is subjective, having to do with one's conscience and personal habit. It is therefore a subject of moral suasion.

Prohibition is objective, designed to restrain the habits of others and is therefore, a local question. Temperance is a matter for each one to regulate in his own life, prohibition is designated to regulate and restrain others. One is a matter which the love of Christ, home and country regulate, the other proceeds upon the recognition of the Bible doctrine that we are our brother's keeper.

It is clear in the minds of your Committee that where moral suasion fails legal restraint should be resorted to.

Personal and voluntary temperance is always first and far preferable; but where persons are too wicked to be reached by the former for the public good the latter must be resorted to.

We would recommend: 1. That our pastors faithfully and constantly use every means within their power to create and deepen temperance sentiment and practice among the membership of our churches and use every possible influence for the enforcement of law.

Also that they co-operate with accredited representatives of the Anti-Saloon League in getting the work of the league before their churches.

2. That our membership abstain wholly from the use of liquor as a beverage, that they satisfy themselves before voting for a candidate for any office that he is honest, sober and trustworthy, for good citizenship requires that.

H. P. LIVINGSTON, Committee.

This report was read by H. P. Livingston and adopted after a few remarks by him, J. M. Dobbs, T. J. Latimer, N. B. Wallace, W. L. Mills and S. D. McCarly.

Brother T. J. Latimer made a motion that we ask Brother N. Q. Adams to preach to us at one o'clock this evening, but at Brother Adams' request the motion was withdrawn.

Report on Systematic Giving

Tithing should be practiced by all Christians.

1. Because it is commanded.

2. Because it honors God and recognizes the stewartship idea.

3. Because it blesses us by bringing us great joy, by developing us and broadening us, by making us partners with God.

4. Because it is practicable as proved by experience.

5. Because it blesses others.

Now God has made all things for Himself. He says, "the land is mine; every beast of the forest is mine; and the cattle upon a thousand hills; the silver and the gold are mine". "The sea is his for he made it. The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein". Now, every Christian and every sinner and his possessions belong to God in a double sense—first, by reason of creation and, second, by virtue of purchase. God says, "Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price."—I Corinthians 6:20. If we are not our own, how can we own anything? We are, in fact, only trustees. God says, "Ye know that ye were redeemed not with corruptible things as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ."—I Peter 7:18-19.

Now, can it be that fear is a mightier motive than love? If we do not give liberally and cheerfully can we truly say that, "the love of Christ constraineth us?"—I Corinthians 6:14. Withholding what God requires is nothing less than robbery. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me, but ye will say wherein have we robbed thee? in tithes and offerings."—Mal. 3:8.

Then if we fail to give our time and talent to God, are we not robbing Him? Giving brings blessing, both temporal and spiritual. "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses burst forth with new wine."—Proverbs 3:9-10.

Then, how can we not abide by this? God says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in my house and prove me now herewith, saith Jehovah of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to contain it."—Mal. 3:10. "Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over shall men give into your bosom."—Luke 6:38.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."—Acts 10:38. Brother who is it that gives and constantly sustains our life? Who preserves us from sickness all along and gives us our health? Who maintains the balance of our minds? If God were to touch the sinew of our strength, could we continue to earn a livelihood?

Brethren, no wonder we don't receive temporal blessings no more than we do. God is going to have his part in some way and some how. No wonder the devourer is sent upon us, for God requires one-seventh of our time and yet some of us don't give one-tenth part of our time, and scarcely any of our talent. I believe that God's Holy Bible teaches the tenth, for God Himself says so, and I believe the Old Testament and the New Testament are linked together by the inspiration of God in heaven. Did not Our Lord himself say to the Pharisees who boasted how careful they were to tithe everything even to the garden herbs, "these ought ye to have done."—Matthew 23:23. Is there any word from his lips in endorsement of the Sabbath as strong as this in favor of tithing?

Now Christ says, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, and teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."—Matthew 28:19-20. So Our Lord is concerning of us to what? Give of our time and talent that he has loaned to us.

I pray Our God in heaven that we may look deep into our hearts, and see if His Word don't teach these things.

"Others, Lord, yes others, let this our motto be: Help us to live for others that we may live like thee?"

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. FANT.

This report was read by S. M. Fant and discussed by T. J. Latimer, G. D. Weatherall, J. P. Williams, N. B. Wallace and adopted.

The Moderator appointed H. P. Livingston, J. T. McKee and R.E. Hannah a Committee on Nominations.

Report on Hospital

The hospital is the way that Baptists are carrying out Our Lord's teachings in the example of the good Samaritan.

Every Baptist that is helping in this great work is acting the part of the good Samaritan.

Everyone that turns away and does not help to support the hospitals are acting the part of the Priest and Levite—they are passing by on the other side.

Jesus said to the young nobleman: "One thing thou lackest; go and sell all that thou hast and give to the poor." He played the part of the Priest and Levite by turning away sorrowfully. Which part are you playing?

A great number of our people are taking part in this good work; and through their co-operative work with the Tri-State Hospital located at Memphis, Tennessee, large numbers are taken and cared for. The patients taken and cared for this year have almost increased to twice the number of last year. Through the support of Baptist churches, our State hospital has been able to do greater work every year.

This last year the hospital worked successfully—for God has smiled on this work as shown by the great numbers treated and cured, and the wonderful attainments in every way.

Brethern these things have just begun to prosper. Let each of us, brethren, come to the help of this great work in obedience to the teaching of Our Lord.

Respectfully,
Your Committee,
J. E. HUTCHINSON.

This report was discussed by J. E. Hutchinson and adopted.

Woman's Work

Southern women play an important part in the affairs of God's work. Baptist women in particular are active in their efforts to spread the Gospel.

In our Association there are 36 churches, eight of these report woman's missionary unions, in each of these churches the mission collections run far ahead of the other churches in the Association, in fact the 8 churches reporting W. M. U's. lead in contributions to all causes.

It is to be regretted that the work is not taken up by the women in all the churches in this Association. It means much for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom, it means much for missions, it means that the churches will put on new life and push forward with new energy, and the women will be in closer touch with the church, the Association and the mission work in general.

Every church in the Association is urged to organize a Woman's Missionary Union. We need more workers for missions and for God's Kingdom among the women. We hope that at our next meeting every church in this Association will be able to report a W. M. U., then the cause of missions will receive an impetus that it has not heretofore had.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. DOBBS.

This report was read and discussed by J. M. Dobbs, N. B. Wallace and adopted.

Report on Obituaries

Death comes alike to one and all, go where you may, yet death will find you. It is the last debt we owe to God and that debt must be paid.

God in his providence has visited the different churches in our Association and has taken away thirty-three precious saints. In our sympathy we point the bereaved ones to God who is able to comfort them. We haven't space in this report to make special mention of their names, but ask for the privilege of making mention of one brother, S. B. Dobbs, who was a most faithful and self-sacrificing servant of God.

D. M. BERRY.

This report was read by D. M. Berry and after a few appropriate remarks by the Moderator, adopted.

Report on Nominations.

We, your Committee on Nominations, report as follows:

Brother N. Q. Adams to preach the Introductory Sermon, Brother H. M. Whitten alternate.

Executive Committee—R. E. Hannah, Sr., W. T. Graves and John Williams.

J. T. McKEE,
R. E. HANNAH, Jr.,
H. P. LIVINGSTON,
Committee.

On motion this report was adopted.

Report of Finance Committee.

We, your Finance Committee, beg to report as follows:

Minutes and Clerk	$ 51.82
Associational purposes	10.23
State Missions	11.68
Home Missions	2.00
Foreign Missions	2.00
Orphanage	3.50
Ministerial Relief	.30
Total	$ 81.53

H. P. LIVINGSTON,
J. T. McKEE,
R. E. HANNAH,
Committee.

A motion that 750 minutes be printed and that the Clerk be allowed $12.00 for his services was adopted. A collection was taken for minutes and Clerk amounting to $2.62.

The Association then sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and then adjourned to meet with Bethlehem Church on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1917.

N. B. WALLACE, Moderator.
G. D. WEATHERALL, Clerk.

P. S.—At the earnest request of some of the brethren, the Moderator, N. B. Wallace, consented to meet back in the house at 2 P. M. and preach for them. At the appointed time the house was packed and Bro. Wallace preached a great sermon, urging the people to be "Steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, and not to be carried away with every wind of doctrine," after which Bro. Latimer led in a very appropriate prayer.

At the request of Bro. Lewis Mills, the Association sang as only a Baptist association can "How Firm a Foundation," while the tears of joy flowed freely and we had an old time love feast.

List of Delegates.

Arbor Springs—C. E. Bland, J. W. Baker, A. L. Wooten.
Ackerman—J. M. Dobbs, R. D. Prewitt, H. L. Rhodes.
Bear Creek—M. A. Carr, Bee Oliver, Thomas Carr.
Bethany—J. L. Busby.
Bethlehem—M. F. Bagwell, J. M. Barron, L. L. Weeks.
Beulah—J. M. Black, W. S. Morris, J. D. Black.
Blythe's Creek—D. G. Hitchcock, W. T. Graves, H. P. Livingston.
Bluff Springs—H. F. Tedder, W. P. Peeples, Alice Jones.
Cypress—
Crape Creek—Pat Box, Franklin Wills, H. B. Pearce.
Clear Springs—W. P. Pruden, J. H. Coleman, Estelle Ramage.
Center Grove—J. W. Douglas, J. W. Fulgham, J. F. Douglas.
Double Springs—S. A. Reed, J. H. Vaughn, P. S. Fulgham.
Ebenezer—A. L. Mitchell, J. N. Pearson, R. A. Pearson.
Fellowship—E. D. Normore, D. L. Humphries, J. W. Franklin.
French Camp—J. H. Veasey, A. L. Rainwater, R. T. Bennett.
Fentress—J. H. Prewitt, Robt. Franks, J. W. Worrell.
Long Branch—J. T. Dill, T. D. Wooten, W. L. Watkins.
Longview—
Mathiston—Noah Fondren, G. W. Dudley, May Carter.
Mt. Pisgah—C. A. Bowles, E. P. Bowles, D. L. Lawrence.
Mt. Moriah—Sam Prewitt, J. J. Raburn, M. L. Harris.
Mt. Olivet—
McCurtain's Creek—Victor Reed, Zola Fox, T. M. Holloway.
New Hope—J. H. Heflin, George Taylor, W. D. Seitz.
New Zion—G. L. Keen, J. R. King, Tom Commander.
New Haven—N. W. Nail, J. A. Chamblee, A. J. Campbell.
Providence—W. L. Mills, W. J. Blain, J. W. Lollar.
Peasant Ridge—J. S. Peeks, J. R. Blake, I. A. Adams.
Rhahama—W. L. Edwards, W. A. King, Erskin Robinson.
Spring Hill—J. S. Southerland, J. W. Williams, J. S. Bradberry.
Sturgis—J. E. Hutchinson, L. A. Fondren, W. A. Strowd.
Self Creek—Billy Phelps, Johnie Hammonds, Elmer Templeton.
Weir—J. W. Lucas, T. J. Latimer.
Wake Forest—N. Q. Adams, D. M. Berry, Erskin Hannah.
Wood Springs—J. E. Ray, C. M. Woods, G. C. Collier.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches	Minutes and Clerk	Associational Purposes	Other Objects	The Poor	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Minister	Sunday School Expenses	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Hospitals	Total	Value of Church Property
Ackerman	$ 3 00		$ 40 00		$ 300 00		$ 75 00	$ 8 00	$ 62 72	$ 82 28	$ 102 68	$ 93 64		$10 00	$ 81 00	$25 00	$10 00	$1013 32	$ 10000
Arbor Springs	50														5 00			50	
Bear Creek	2 50				125 00		11 65											221 15	800
Bethany	1 50							3 00	4 00	20 00	10 00	20 00						1 50	500
Bethlehem	1 40	$ 1 02			100 00													115 42	600
Beulah	2 00			$ 7 20	150 00		23 00		5 00			8 00						298 65	500
Blythe's Creek	70	1 00			80 00	$16 10	4 57	1 70	7 80		19 00	41 45			16 50			105 87	800
Bluff Springs	1 25				70 00	12 00	3 40			1 50	2 15		$ 3 50	50				123 30	400
Cypress								2 50											300
Crape Creek	1 00			4 50						5 00	2 50							13 00	200
Clear Springs	1 50				20 00	2 00			3 00			2 70	3 50		1 00			34 00	500
Center Grove	1 00				50 00			00						30				56 00	400
Double Springs	2 00	1 00			100 00			50	8 00	2 50	7 50	7 60						144 90	800
Ebenezer															50			50	200
Fellowship	1 65				100 00				6 87	5 70	5 25	6 00	1 85					127 32	500
French Camp	2 50				150 00		13 00	00	10 00		10 00	18 44	10 00					243 94	1800
Fentress	1 00	42			50 00	3 00		50	5 00			5 30						83 22	500
Long Branch	25				25 00			00	45	1 50	1 00	50						33 70	300
Longview								65	35 00	29 32	2 00	20 85							1500
Mathiston	2 25		27 15		200 00		12 50		3 85	57	4 86	5 44			18 60			403 32	1800
Mount Pisgah	1 25	55			50 00			00	2 62			8 32						66 52	400
Mount Moriah	1 50		5 03		58 00													96 47	600
Mount Olivet	50	50								50	1 20							1 00	
McCurtain's Crk	1 00				50 00			00		21 54		30						52 20	500
New Hope	1 20			25				55	7 50	97		16 00			2 00	75		5 00	400
New Zion	1 60				173 00					4 50	2 30	1 15			10 00			245 14	600
New Haven	1 50	1 24				3 60		25	3 78		4 31	2 00						36 81	500
Providence	1 25	50			33 55			25		4 25					1 50			47 61	400
Pleasant Ridge	1 50	50							1 35			8 25			10 00			39 03	500
Rhuhama	1 75				75 00			00	10 15									97 50	400
Spring Hill	2 00	1 00						22	9 83	10 97	7 40	7 40	12 00	1 00	35 00			4 35	800
Sturgis	2 00	1 00			150 00	55 00		00		8 25	5 00	6 70	5 00		32 90	20 00	10 00	306 15	2000
Self Creek	2 00	1 00	100 74		150 00	70 00		00	4 19	2 20	1 30	1 42			20 15		10 00	457 46	1120
Weir	1 50				125 00			50		5 00	5 00	5 00			15 17			203 24	800
Wake Forest	1 25	50	2 00		40 00	17 42	6 64										5 00	99 45	500
Wood Springs	1 00					5 00												22 50	400
Totals	$48 80	$10 23	$ 174 92	$11 95	$2421 55	$ 184 12	$ 149 76	$ 56	$ 191 11	$ 206 35	$ 196 15	$ 287 26	$32 35	$11 80	$ 249 32	$45 00	$35 75	$4800 04	$ 34300

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Pastors.	Postoffices	Clerks.	Postoffices	Increase				Decr	
					Baptism	Letter	Restored	Total	Letter	Expulsion
Arbor Springs	C. E. Bland	Maben	Jennie O'Neal	Mathiston	1	4		5		
Ackerman	R. B. Gunter	Louisville	R. D. Prewitt	Ackerman	3	4		7	10	
Bear Creek	H. M. Whitten	McCool	W. D. Jones	McCool	11	3		14	7	
Bethany	J. T. Carroll	Maben	J. L. Busby	Ackerman						
Bethlehem	J. B. Coke	High Point	P. M. Snow	Ackerman	5			15	2	
Beulah	H. M. Whitten	McCool	H. B. Black	McCool	6			6		
Blythe's Creek	J. L. Hughes	Maben	H. P. Livingston	Mathiston					5	6
Bluff Springs	J. H. D. Watson	Weir	W. W. Bagwell	Eupora	12	1		13	6	
Cypress			W. E. Lewis	Longview						
Crape Creek	J. H. D. Watson	Weir	C. E. Erwin	Stewart	5			5	2	
Clear Springs	J. L. Smith	Chester	E. R. Blain	Chester						1
Center Grove	J. T. Carroll	Maben	J. W. Douglas	Maben	4	2		6	2	
Double Springs	N. B. Wallace	Sturgis	J. L. Neely	Maben	14	8		22	7	
Ebenezer	J. L. Smith	Chester	Joe Woods	Stewart					2	
Fellowship	R. L. Breland	Philadelphia	T. M. Jones	Mathiston	10	1		11	4	1
French Camp	T. J. Latimer	Weir	L. L. Sloan	FrenchCamp	10	8		18	3	
Fentress	T. J. Latimer	Weir	M. C. Watson	Fentress	7	3		10		
Long Branch	W. L. Watkins	Maben	T. D. Wooten	Starkville	2		1	3		
Longview	N. B. Wallace	Sturgis	J. G. Jones	Longview						
Mathiston	R. L. Breland	Philadelphia	S. W. Fondren	Mathiston	6	9		5	6	
Mount Pisgah	T. J. McCool	Eupora	J. E. Booth	Mathiston	7	1		8	9	
Mount Moriah	T. J. Latimer	Weir	T. H. Howard	Weir		3	1	4	8	
Mount Olivet			J. T. McKee	Sturgis						
McCurtain's Crk	J. W. McPhail	FrenchCmp	T. M. Holloway	Weir					1	
New Hope	W. L. Watkins	Maben	W. W. Roberts	Longview						
New Zion	T. J. Latimer	Weir	J. F. Keen	Ackerman	9	1		0	7	
New Haven	J. H. D. Watson	Weir	J. A. Chamlee	Weir	17	4		21	6	
Poplar Creek										
Providence	J. H. D. Watson	Weir	J. W. Lollar	Weir	1	1		2	1	
Pleasant Ridge	N. B. Wallace	Sturgis	T. E. Sikes	Longview	3			3	12	
Rhuhama	T. J. Latimer	Weir	J. R. W. Foster	Chester	8	4		2		
Spring Hill	N. B. Wallace	Sturgis	J.S. Southerland	Ackerman		1		1	2	
Sturgis	N. B. Wallace	Sturgis	I. E. Hutchinson	Sturgis	21	16		7	3	
Self Creek	N. B. Wallace	Sturgis	I. O. Duke	Starkville	9	3		2	6	
Weir	T. J. Latimer	Weir	R. E. Hunt	Weir		2		2		
Wake Forest	N. B. Wallace	Sturgis	W. Collier	Sturgis		4		4		
Wood Springs	J. L. Smith	Chester	G. C. Collier	Stewart	7			7	1	1
				Totals	187	7?	2	8	112	9 3

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	Baptism	Letter	Restored	Total	Letter	Expulsion	Death	Total		Superintendent	Postoffice	Number Pupils
histon	1	4		5					26			
erman	3	4		7	10		5	15	159	W. F. Burney	Ackerman	118
Cool	11	3		14	7			7	183	T. N. Lacy	McCool	25
erman									77			
erman	5			15	2		4	6	100	Joe Barron	Ackerman	33
Cool	6			6			1	1	109	W. S. Black	McCool	71
histon					5	6	2	13	127			
pora	12	1		13	6		3	9	144	W. W. Bagwell	Eupora	75
gview									71			
wart	5			5	2			2	92			
ster						1		1	124			
pen	4	2		6	2		1	3	105			
pen	14	8		22	7		1	8	2.0	J. H. Shurden	Sturgis	80
wart					2		1	3	52			
histon	10	1		11	4	1	3	8	130	L. H. Hester	Mathiston	70
nchCamp	10	8		18	3		1	4	116	L. L. Sloan	FrenchCamp	45
tress	7	3		10					109			
rkville	2		1	3					40	J. A. Watkins	Maben	20
gview									133			
histon	6	9		5	6		1	7	139	Solon Dobbs	Mathiston	70
histon	7	1		8	9			9	82	D. L. Lawrence	Mathiston	41
ir		3	1	4	8		2	10	130	T. H. Howard	Weir	67
rgis									66			
ir					1			1	96	Victor Reed	Tomnolen	29
gview									45			
erman	9	1		10	7		2	9	133	C. A. Franks		40
ir	17	4		21	6		2	8	188	J. H. Chamblee	Weir	30
											Weir	
ir	1	1		2	1		2	3	100	N. A. Adams	Weir	35
gview	3			3	12			12	161	J. Peeks	Sturgis	57
ster	8	4		2					84			
erman		1		1	2			2	174	J. W. Williams	Ackerman	36
rgis	21	16		7	3			3	129	J. C. Horrell	Sturgis	82
rkville	9	3		2	6		2	8	208	W. E. Fulgham	Starkville	98
ir		2		2					42			
rgis		4		4			1	1	94	R. E. Hannan	Sturgis	54
wart	7			7	1	1		2	72			
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